

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT SITE INVESTIGATION AND REMEDIAL ACTION WORKPLAN AND PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Former Macy Street Manufactured Gas Plant Site Los Angeles, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: December 16, 2002 to January 17, 2003

We invite you to comment on a proposal to clean up the soil at a former industrial property known as the Former Macy Street Site in Los Angeles, California. The site is in the block bounded by Cesar E. Chavez Avenue (formerly Macy St.), the Rapid Transit District (RTD) bus overpass, the Los Angeles River, and Keller Street. The property has been vacant, except for a parking lot, since the 1970s. The current owner is the L.A. County Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA).

Over the last 10 years the soil was sampled and tested. Two main groups of chemicals were found: PAHs (polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons) and TRPHs (total recoverable petroleum hydrocarbons). Both groups of chemicals can come from many sources. We need to clean up the soil to make it safe for future activities. Our agency, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), oversees the cleanup of the site to protect human health and the environment.

The cleanup plan is described in a document titled "Draft Removal Action Workplan for the Former Macy Street Site." The plan, if approved by the public, is to dig out and haul away soil that has unsafe amounts of chemicals. The soils are sent to an offsite treatment system. A maximum of 16 trucks per day would carry the soil.

Our agency did a study to see if the cleanup activities would have a negative impact on (harm) the environment. This study is required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). We found the cleanup activities would not harm the environment. Our finding is described in a document titled "Draft Negative Declaration for the Former Macy Street Site." The cleanup, if approved as written, is expected to happen during January, February and March of 2003.

We encourage you to review and comment on both the cleanup plan and the Negative Declaration during the 30-day comment period of December 16, 2002 through January 17, 2003. Please send written comments, emailed or postmarked by January 17, 2003, to Mr. Stephen Cutts, DTSC Project Manager, 1011 North Grandview Avenue, Glendale, California 91201. Email: scutts@dtsc.ca.gov.

Copies of the cleanup plan and Negative Declaration, as well as other technical documents related to the project, are at the Lincoln Heights Public Library, 2530 Workman Street, Los Angeles, (323) 226-1692. They are also at our agency's office at the Glendale address shown above. Please contact Ms. Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2952 to make an appointment. If you have questions about the project, please contact Mrs. Leticia Hernandez, Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5488 (email lhernand@dtsc.ca.gov) or Mr. Stephen Cutts, Project Manager, at (818) 551-2178 (email scutts@dtsc.ca.gov).

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